

My name is Debbie Veilleux. I am a registered nurse at Lawrence General Hospital. I have worked at the Hospital for 32 years and have been the Manager of the Ambulatory Procedure Center for the past 26 years. In the Ambulatory Procedure Center, colonoscopies, endoscopies, and minor outpatient procedures are performed. Approximately 4,000 procedures are performed each year.

I am very proud to be associated with the mission of Lawrence General Hospital, and its long legacy of providing excellent health care for the Merrimack Valley. Patients of every race, ethnicity and income level seek care at our Hospital, and our workforce reflects that same diversity.

Having grown up in Lawrence and lived in this region my entire life, I know how important it is to have strong healthy hospitals in our community.

I am concerned about the impact and consequences of the sale of Caritas to Cerberus Capital Management on local health care. I hope that the Attorney General and Department of Public Health are already working to ensure that health care access in this community is preserved.